

Remarks:

Claims 21-38 are pending. In the Office Action, the Abstract was objected to based on an informality. Claims 21-28, 30-35, 37 and 38 stand rejected based on cited references. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 29 and 36.

With this response, claims 21-38 are cancelled without prejudice in favor of new claims 39-57. By cancellation of claims 21-38, Applicant does not acknowledge any merit to the unresolved claim rejections, and does not intend to surrender any subject matter. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the cancelled claims in one or more continuing applications.

Specification

The Abstract was objected to because the word "attachment" was considered part of the Abstract section. The term "attachment" was used in the preliminary amendment to refer to a separate sheet attached to the amendment, and was not intended to be part of the Abstract. Applicant has amended the Abstract to remove the word "attachment", as shown above. No new matter is presented by this amendment.

Claim Rejections

The claim rejections set forth in the Office Action are believed to be moot in view of the new claims.

New claims 39-57 are directed to a brake pad assembly comprising a brake pad and a guide spring. Support for new claims 39-57 are provided in Figures 1-2b and in sections of the substitute specification, including the section beginning at page 6, line 3 and ending at page 10, line 14. No new matter is being added by the new claims.

None of the cited references are believed to teach or suggest the elements of new claims 39-57. For example, none of the guide springs in the cited references allow a lateral guiding portion of a brake to slide radially over the spring and into a guiding channel in the spring. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are allowable over the art of record and request favorable consideration of the new claims. If the Examiner believes there are any matters

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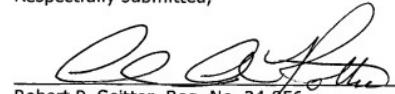
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preventing allowance at this time, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (610) 407-0700 to discuss a possible solution.

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